

EXHIBIT B

MASTER AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE

CITY OF DETROIT

AND THE

DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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LAW ENFORCEMENT-CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation; and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession -- LAW ENFORCEMENT.

The Law Enforcement Officers Code of Ethics, by agreement of the parties, is not a provision or article of this contract, but rather is included herein to remind all who read this document of the dedication, sacrifice, courage, valor, judgment, wisdom, responsibility, accountability, loyalty and professionalism which is displayed by the membership of the Detroit Police Officers Association while serving the citizens of the City of Detroit.

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into between the City of Detroit, a Michigan Municipal Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "City," the "Department," or the "Employer"), and the Detroit Police Officers Association, an organization existing under the laws of the State of Michigan (hereinafter referred to as the "Union" or the "Association").

PURPOSE AND INTENT

The general purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly and peaceful labor relations for the mutual interest of the City of Detroit in its capacity as an Employer, the Employees, the Union and the people of the City of Detroit.

The parties recognize that the interest of the community and the job security of the Employees depend upon the Employer's success in establishing proper services to the community.

To these ends, the Employer and the Union encourage to the fullest degree friendly and cooperative relations between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.

1. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Association" or "Union" means Detroit Police Officers Association, Inc.
- B. "Employee" means any person who is a Police Officer below the rank of Detective employed by the Detroit Police Department.
- C. "Department" means the Detroit Police Department.
- D. "Employer" means the Detroit Police Department or the City of Detroit.
- E. "Commanding Officer" means the officer officially designated by the Detroit Police Department as the commander of a given entity.
- F. "Reviewing Officer" means the superior officer in charge of the next higher command or level above the commanding officer of the employee originating the grievance.
- G. "Labor Relations" means Labor Relations of the Detroit Police Department.
- H. "Grievance" means the claimed unjust treatment, violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of any of the provisions of this Agreement or rules, regulations, and procedures covering working conditions applicable to the employees of the Department.
- I. "Association Officer" means any one of the four elected officers of the Association -- President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms.

- J. "Steward" means the agent of the Association at the lowest departmental unit, that is, the representative at the precinct, or entity, or other similar level.
- K. "Alternate Steward" means the agent of the Association who shall function in the absence of the steward.
- L. "Chief Steward" means the representative of the Association at the precinct level other than Association officer.
- M. "Alternate Chief Steward" means the agent of the Association who shall function in the absence of the Chief Steward.
- N. "Executive Board" means the nine (9) elected members of the Board of Directors of the Association and the four (4) elected officers of the Association, as defined in the Association's by-laws.
- O. "Board of Directors" means all of the stewards and the Executive Board.
- P. "Grievance Committee" means a committee of not more than three (3) members designated by the Union to review, screen and adjust grievances presented by employees.
- Q. "Shall" and "will" as used in this contract have the same meaning; they are used to express what is mandatory or obligatory.
- R. Pronouns of masculine and feminine gender include each other.

2. RECOGNITION OF UNION

Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Act 336 of the Public Acts of 1947, as amended, the Employer hereby recognizes the Union as the exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment, and other terms and conditions of employment for all Police Assistants and Police Officers of the Detroit Police Department, below the rank of Detective, for the term of this Agreement.

3. UNION SECURITY

- A. Employees are free to join or not to join the Union.
- B. Employees who are not members of the Union and who desire membership in the Union shall confirm their desire to join for the duration of this Agreement by initiating their Union application form and dues deduction authorization forms within forty-five (45) calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement.
- C. Any person who is employed with the City prior to the effective date of this Agreement and is covered by this Agreement who is not a member of the Union and who does not make application for membership within forty-five (45) calendar days after the effective date of this Agreement shall, as a condition of employment, pay to the Union each month a service charge as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement in an amount equal to the regular Union membership dues. Employees who fail to comply

with this requirement shall be discharged by the Employer within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice to the Employer from the Union, unless the City is otherwise notified by the Union in writing within said thirty (30) calendar days.

- D. Any person who becomes an employee of the City after this Agreement is in effect and is covered by this Agreement who is not a member of the Union and who does not make application for membership within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of employment shall, as a condition of employment pay to the Union each month a service charge as a contribution toward the administration of this Agreement in an amount equal to the regular monthly Union membership dues. Employees who fail to comply with this requirement shall be discharged by the Employer within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice to the Employer from the Union, unless the City is otherwise notified by the Union in writing within said thirty (30) calendar days.
- E. All deductions under this Article shall be subject to revocation by the employee who executed such assignments, upon giving written notice within thirty (30) calendar days immediately prior to the expiration date of this Agreement, to assignees and the Finance Director. The Finance Director and the City Treasurer shall thereafter cease withholding any money whatever under such assignments.
- F. The Union shall have no rights or interest whatsoever in any money authorized withheld until such money is actually paid over to it; however, the City shall promptly remit said monies received to the Union. The City or any of its officers and employees shall not be liable for any reasonable delay in carrying out such deductions, and upon forwarding check in payment of such deductions by mail to the Union's last known address, the City and its officers and employees shall be released from all liability to the employee and the Union under such assignments (Section 13-4-4 of the Municipal Code of the City of Detroit).
- G. If any provision of this Article is invalid under Federal Law, or the laws of the State of Michigan, said provision shall be modified to comply with the requirements of Federal or State Law or shall be re-negotiated for the purpose of adequate replacement.
- H. Dues Deduction.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of bargaining unit employees, all Union membership dues, initiation fees and assessments uniformly required, if any, as provided in a written authorization in accordance with the standard form used by the Employer provided that the said form shall be executed by the employee. The written authorization for Union dues deduction or service fee deductions shall remain in full force and effect during the period of this Agreement and may only be revoked within the thirty (30) calendar day period immediately prior to the expiration of this contract. The revocation notice must be given to both the Employer and the Union.

Dues and initiation fees will be authorized, levied and certified in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Union. Each bargaining unit employee and the Union hereby authorize the City to rely upon and to honor certifications by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union regarding the amounts to be deducted and the legality of the adopting action specifying such amounts of the Union dues and initiation fees.

I. Service Fee Deduction.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of any bargaining unit employee who is not a member of the Union all Union service fees as provided in a written authorization in accordance with the standard form used by the Employer provided that the said form shall be executed by the employee. The written authorization for service fee deduction shall remain in full force and effect during the period of this contract and may only be revoked on written notice within the thirty (30) calendars day period immediately prior to the expiration of this contract. The revocation notice must be given both to the Employer and to the Union.

- J.** The Employer agrees to deduct from the wages of bargaining unit Employees a political contribution deduction as provided for in a written authorization in accordance with the standard form used by the Employer, provided that the form shall be executed by the Employee. The amount to be deducted shall be a set amount which shall be deducted on a bi-weekly basis. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Union shall notify the City, in writing, of the amount to be deducted. This deduction may be revoked by the Employee at any time by giving written notice to both the Finance Department and to the Union.
- K.** The Association shall refund to Employees, dues and service fees erroneously deducted by the City and paid to the Association. The City may offset any amount erroneously or improperly deducted and paid to the Association from any subsequent remittance to the Association.
- L.** The Union agrees that in the event of litigation against the City, its agents, or Employees arising out of this provision it will co-defend and indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents, or Employees from any monetary award arising out of such litigation.

4. BASIS OF REPRESENTATION

- A.** In each representative Precinct (See Schedule A) Employees shall be represented by one (1) steward for each shift, who shall be a regularly scheduled bargaining unit employee working in that Precinct and on that shift. One (1) alternate may be selected in each Precinct for each shift to serve in the absence of the steward. The member selected shall, for the purpose of title only, be considered a steward and not an alternate steward.
- B.** The representative units and number of representatives allocated to each entity are listed in Schedule A attached to this Agreement. If any existing precinct, or entity is eliminated or any new precinct, or entity is created, or if the number of bargaining unit personnel of any existing entity is increased or decreased substantially, the parties to this Agreement shall re-negotiate the number of representatives allocated to such entity on a basis consistent with the principle of proportional representation.
- C.** Stewards shall be allowed to communicate official Union business to members prior to on-duty roll call or following off-duty roll call.
- D.** Only one (1) chief steward and one (1) steward from each shift shall enjoy top seniority insofar as remaining with their precinct, section, unit, district or platoon during their term

of office, and they shall not be transferred out of their Precinct, Section, Unit, District or Platoon, except for justifiable cause, reduction in force, or in connection with civilianization and/or use of Police Assistants in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. This provision will apply when reductions in force occur except when a Section, Unit, or Platoon is discontinued or otherwise inactivated or consolidated.

- E. Those nine (9) stewards who are members of the Executive Board of the Union shall be allowed a minimum of one (1) working day a month without loss of pay or benefits to attend Executive Board meetings.
- F. Only one (1) steward from each representative Precinct, Section, or Unit shall be excused from work without loss of pay or benefits to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings when such meetings coincide with their normal working hours.
- G. The President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be allowed to conduct Union business on a full-time basis without loss of pay or benefits. When reductions in force occur, the above titled officers will have top seniority under Article 10.
- H. The Union officers upon leaving their positions shall have the right to return to their previous assignment.
- I. Union officers shall be permitted to discuss Union business with members during their duty hours, provided such discussions shall not interfere with the performance of the member's duties. Such discussions shall not interfere with the normal operations of the precinct, or entity involved.
- J. In the event of a full mobilization of the Department's resources, now known as a M02 complete, the Union officers shall contact the office of the Chief of Police and shall remain available during the period of the mobilization for the purpose of establishing a Department/Union liaison to deal with any labor relations problem which may arise.
- K. The Union President, or in his/her absence, the next Union officer in line, shall be given written notice, in advance, of anticipated major changes in working conditions.
- L. A copy of each special order, general order, notation, personnel order, training bulletin and materials that are distributed to the general membership shall be sent promptly to the Union President through the Department mails.
- M. A copy of photographs of all Department functions shall be available to the Union upon request on each specific occasion.
- N. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement, the Union President shall provide the Chief of Police written confirmation of the names of all stewards, chief stewards, the nine (9) stewards who are members of the Executive Board, Union officers, designated representatives, and Grievance Committee members who will function in an official capacity for the Union. As changes occur, the President shall notify the Chief of Police, in writing, within a reasonable time.

- O. The Association may establish a three-member Grievance Committee for the purpose of working under the authority of the Union President in processing grievances. Grievance Committee members shall receive two (2) working days off per week in order to investigate and process grievances. Grievance Committee members may also attend those meetings and hearings as set forth in the grievance and arbitration articles of this contract and any other meetings or hearings with officials of the City with the permission of the Labor Relations Section. Such permission shall not be unreasonably denied.
- P. The stewards and chief stewards may, during their working hours without loss of time, pay or benefits, investigate and present grievances to the Employer, after having obtained release from work from their supervisors. Such release shall be within a reasonable time. Such privilege shall not interfere with vital police service. The stewards and chief stewards shall not be released for simultaneous investigation of grievances, unless mutually agreed between the Chief Steward and the Desk Supervisor.
- Q. Special Conferences on important matters may be requested by either party and will be arranged between the Union President or his/her designated representative and either the Board of Police Commissioners or their designated representative, or the Chief of Police or his/her designated representative. When the Union elects to have a special conference with the Board of Police Commissioners, the Union shall submit a copy of the request to the Chief of Police.

Arrangements for such special conferences shall be made five (5) calendar days in advance whenever possible and an agenda of matters to be taken up at the meeting shall be presented in writing at the time the conference is requested. Matters taken up in special conferences shall be confined to those included on the agenda.

5. UNION RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Recognizing the crucial role of law enforcement in the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of a free society, the Union agrees that it will take all reasonable steps to cause the Employees covered by this Agreement, individually and collectively, to perform all police duties, rendering loyal and efficient service to the very best of their abilities.
- B. The Union, therefore, agrees that there shall be no interruption of these services for any cause whatsoever by the Employees it represents; nor shall there be any concerted failure by them to report for duty; nor shall they absent themselves from their work or abstain, in whole or in part, from the full, faithful and proper performance of all the duties of their employment.
- C. The Union further agrees that it shall not encourage any strikes, sit-downs, stay-ins, slow-downs, stoppages of work, malingering or any acts that interfere in any manner or to any degree with the continuity of police services.

6. MANAGEMENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Both the Department and the Association acknowledge their shared responsibility for the enforcement of the laws and ordinances of the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan as well as for assuring the safety and property of the citizens of the City of Detroit, and agree to work together cooperatively to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and integrity in the service of the City and its citizens. The Union recognizes the prerogatives of the Department to operate and manage its affairs in all respects in accordance with its responsibilities and powers of authority and the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Except as specifically limited by the provisions of this Agreement or applicable law, the Department will have the discretion and authority:
1. to hire, direct, classify, assign, reassign, promote, demote, evaluate, transfer, layoff, and/or recall Employees, including the assignment or reassignment of Employees;
 2. to determine the size of its workforce, including the number of Employees, the number of job classifications, departments, and shifts of work whether increased or decreased;
 3. to develop, establish, or modify job descriptions and job postings for positions in the Department;
 4. to determine policies affecting the selection, evaluation and training of Employees;
 5. to establish and modify hours of work, including the beginning and ending time for shifts of work, whether increased or decreased, and the establishment of the hours of the shifts, whether increased or decreased;
 6. to determine the content and nature of the work to be performed, and the competencies and qualifications needed to perform the work;
 7. to determine the organizational structure of the Department, including the planning, direction, control, increase, decrease, or discontinuance of operations or services, and the organization of the same;
 8. to determine the location and types of facilities, including the establishment of new units, precincts, departments, divisions, or subdivisions thereof and the right to transfer Employees and equipment between and among the Department's various facilities;
 9. to establish, regulate, determine, revise, or modify at any time the policies, practices, protocols, processes, techniques, methods, means and procedures used in the Department, including, but not limited to machinery, materials, methods, facilities, tools, and equipment;
 10. to transfer, relocate, merge, consolidate or close its facilities and operations, in whole or in part, and to separate its Employees in connection with said

- transferring, relocation, merger, consolidation or closing after discussing the effects of such decision with the Association to the extent required by law;
11. to create and maintain special units and to select Employees to work within such special units provided that the Department will provide reasonable notice to the Association;
 12. to establish and enforce policies pertaining to drug testing and substance abuse;
 13. to assign an Employee to work in a restricted capacity for good cause;
 14. to enforce state and local licensing, certifications, and other requirements;
 15. to subcontract or civilianize any job or job function, subject to the limits set forth in Article 39.H of this Agreement; and
 16. with respect to any other matter related to the enforcement of the laws of the City of Detroit or the State of Michigan and the protection of its citizens and their property.
- B. The Department has the right to schedule overtime work as required in a manner most advantageous to the Department and consistent with requirements of municipal employment and the public safety and consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.
- C. It is understood by the parties that every incidental duty connected with operations enumerated in job descriptions is not always specifically described.
- D. The Department reserves the right to discipline and discharge for just cause and to establish reasonable work rules and rules of conduct. The Department reserves the right to lay off Employees for lack of work or funds or for the occurrence of conditions beyond the control of the Department or when such continuation of work would be wasteful and unproductive.
- E. The City of Detroit is obligated, legally and morally, to provide equality of opportunity, consideration and treatment of all members of the Department and to establish policies and regulations that will insure such equality of opportunity, consideration and treatment of all members employed by the Department in all phases of the employment process, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, citizenship status, religion, age, political orientation, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, arrest record, height, weight, familial status, marital status, or disability, in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. To this end, basic rights and equities of members are established through the City Charter, Executive Orders of the Mayor, Ordinances and Resolutions of the City Council and the rules of the Department.
- F. The Department shall notify in advance, in writing, the Association President, or in his absence the next officer in line, when it anticipates exercising its right to make changes in working conditions. Conferences to discuss said anticipated changes shall be conducted at the request of either party. Such conferences shall not be construed as "formal" negotiations. Provided however, in no event shall the City make decisions which alter

the relationship between the parties in regard to wages, hours, and the terms and conditions of employment as set forth in this Agreement. Any changes in that area require renegotiations of the contract.

G. No Department official or agent of the City shall:

1. Interfere with, restrain, or coerce Employees in the exercise of their right to join or refrain from joining a labor organization, except where permitted *by law* to avoid a conflict of interest; or
2. Initiate, create, dominate, contribute to or interfere with the formation, administration, internal affairs, elections, meetings, dues policies or officers, of the Association; or
3. Discriminate in regard to employment or conditions of employment in order to encourage or discourage membership in a labor organization; or
4. Discriminate against an Employee because he has given testimony or taken part in any grievance procedures or other hearings, negotiations, or conferences as a part of the labor organization recognized under the terms of this Agreement; or
5. Refuse to meet, negotiate, or confer on proper matters with representatives of the Association as set forth in this Agreement.

H. It is agreed that the City retains and reserves all rights, powers and authorities given to it under any national, state or local law unless otherwise negotiated in this Agreement.

I. The Union pledges full support for continuity of employment during normal or emergency working conditions.

J. The Department shall comply with applicable laws pertaining to labor and employment matters.

7. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Every Employee of the Department shall have the right to present grievances in accordance with the procedure provided herein. The Association will hand deliver grievances directly to a Captain or Commander. The written grievance will set forth the nature of the grievance, the date of the matter complained of, the name(s) of the employee or employees involved, and the provisions of this Agreement, if any, that the grievant claims have been violated. Receipt of the grievance will be acknowledged by signature of the Captain or Commander who receives the grievance. Any grievance not filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged violation or within fourteen (14) calendar days of an Employee or the Association becoming aware of an alleged violation will be considered untimely and will not be processed.

B. The informal resolution of differences or grievances is urged and encouraged to be resolved at the lowest possible level of supervision.

- C. Immediate supervisors, commanding officers and reviewing officers shall consider promptly all grievances presented to them and, within the scope of their authority, take such timely action as is required.
- D. Grievances shall be processed according to the following procedure

STEP 1 - Written – Sergeant, Lieutenant, or Captain:

The sergeant, lieutenant, or captain will provide a written answer to the steward within seven (7) calendar days after receipt. Acceptance or rejection of the answer will be written on the grievance form by the steward.

STEP 2 - Appeal to Commanding Officer of the Precinct or Division:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Step 1 or acted upon by the sergeant, lieutenant, or captain within seven (7) calendar days, it may be appealed by the chief steward to the Commanding Officer of the precinct or division within three (3) calendar days. The Commanding Officer will discuss the grievance with the steward, chief steward, or both, and the aggrieved Employee(s) and render a written answer within seven (7) calendar days of his/her receipt of the grievance.

STEP 3 - Appeal to the Chief of Police:

If the grievance is not satisfactorily settled or adjusted in Step 2, it will be referred to the President of the Association or his designated representative, who may appeal it to the Chief of Police within fifteen (15) calendar days. A meeting to discuss the grievance will be held between the President or his designee, or both, and members of the grievance committee; and the Chief of Police or his designee within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the grievance by the Chief of Police. A written decision will be rendered by the Chief, or his designated representative, within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting. By mutual agreement, the parties may extend the timeline in order to enable the Chief of Police to participate directly.

Medical Grievance Procedure:

The Labor Relations Division will provide notice to the President of the Association and the Employee's Commander of all grievances involving medical issues

- E. Notwithstanding any other provisions herein, individual Employees may present their own grievances to the Department and have them adjusted without the intervention of the steward or Union officers; provided, however, that the Department has given the steward or Union officers notice and an opportunity to be present at such adjustment. In no event shall any such adjustment be contrary to or inconsistent with the terms of any agreement between the Department and the Union.
- F. Grievances not appealed in writing to the next step within the time limits set forth above will be considered settled on the basis of the last decision, provided that any grievance not responded to by the Department within the time limits set forth above will be

automatically moved to the next step in the grievance procedure. Additionally, the time limits of the grievance procedure may be shortened or extended by mutual agreement.

- G. Grievances affecting a large number of employees or concerning a transfer between commands may be treated as policy grievances and entered at the third step of the grievance procedure by the Union. One or more members of the Grievance Committee may attend hearings on policy grievances entered at Step 3 with the permission of the Labor Relations Section. Such permission shall not be unreasonably refused.
- H. In instances wherein the subject matter of the grievance lies within the jurisdiction of specific City agencies (e.g., payroll, etc.), the grievance steps may be reduced in order to bring the grievance to the agency's immediate attention for a recommendation as to the action to be taken. Further, the Chief of Police and the President of the Association will be permitted, at their discretion, to participate at any step of the grievance procedure.
- I. Binding Mediation Procedure. By mutual agreement, the parties may submit certain disputes to an abbreviated binding mediation procedure in lieu of arbitration. The parties will identify at least one (1) permanent arbitrator from the permanent panel selected under Article 8 who shall schedule one (1) additional hearing date each month. Prior to each scheduled hearing date, each party may submit up to five (5) grievances and disciplinary matters for a binding recommendation by the arbitrator serving as a mediator. Each party shall provide the other party and the arbitrator with advance notice of the matters to be presented, including relevant documentation. Either party may reject a matter that is proposed to be heard. The mediation hearing shall be informal and the parties agree to be bound by the recommendation of the arbitrator serving as a mediator.

8. ARBITRATION

- A. Any unresolved grievance relating only to the interpretation, application or enforcement of a specific article and section of this Agreement or any Supplementary Agreement, hereto, having been processed fully through the last step of the grievance procedure, may be submitted to arbitration by the Department or the Association in strict accordance with the following:
 - 1. Arbitration may be initiated by written notice to the other party of an intention to arbitrate. Such written notice of intent to arbitrate must be made within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of the Step 3 answer.
 - 2. Selection of Arbitrator and Permanent Panel
 - a. Within thirty (30) calendar days after the execution of this Agreement, the parties shall convene and select four (4) disinterested persons qualified in labor-management relations to serve as permanent arbitrators. If the parties are unable to agree upon four (4) individuals to serve as permanent arbitrators, for each unfilled position, the Director of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) shall be requested to submit the names of five (5) disinterested persons qualified and willing to act as impartial arbitrators. From each list, the Department and Union shall each

alternately strike one name until four (4) names have been eliminated and the person whose name remains on the list shall be selected to act as one of the four (4) permanent arbitrators.

- b. If at any time either party desires to terminate the service of an arbitrator, it shall give notice in writing to that effect to the other party, specifying the date of termination. The parties shall then send a joint written notice to the arbitrator of his termination. Neither party may terminate the services of an arbitrator unless he has heard at least one (1) case.
 - c. Once the arbitrator has received written notice that his services are terminated, he shall not hear any further cases. However, he shall render decisions on all cases that he has heard prior to receiving such notice.
 - d. In the event an arbitrator is terminated, a new arbitrator shall be immediately selected in accordance with the procedure described in Section 2.a.
 - e. The arbitrators will hear cases on a chronological rotation.
- 3. It will be within the authority of the arbitrator to make a decision binding upon the parties regarding the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the Agreement.
 - 4. The arbitrator will not consider any evidence submitted by either party, which was not produced in the grievance procedure unless such evidence was not then known to the party submitting the same.
 - 5. The costs of the arbitration will be shared equally by the parties, except that each party will make arrangements to pay its own attorneys and witnesses. In cases where the arbitrator provides that either party has filed or denied a grievance in bad faith, the arbitrator will have the discretion to assess all costs and expenses of the arbitration hearing, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against the non-prevailing party.
 - 6. The parties may request in writing of each other co-operation to have available at the arbitration proceedings any witnesses requested by the other party.
 - 7. If the central issue in the unresolved grievance is an Employee's medical condition, which may be the case in matters pertaining to sick leave, qualifications to perform work, requests for light duty assignments, or accommodation of disabilities, the arbitration procedure specified in this Article will not apply, and the parties will instead select a neutral physician to resolve any disputes concerning medical issues. Such a neutral physician must be licensed to practice and currently practicing medicine. The neutral physician will be jointly selected by the Department and the Association. To the extent the Department and Association cannot agree on a neutral physician, the neutral physician will be mutually selected by the Employee's treating physician and the Police Department's designated physician. Upon request, the City will provide medical

information to the Union in accordance with applicable law. The Department and the Association may mutually agree to establish further guidelines regarding the processing of medical grievances.

- B. There shall be no appeal from the decision of an arbitrator if made in accordance with his or her jurisdiction and authority under this Agreement. It shall be final and binding on the Association, on all bargaining unit members, and on the Department. The Association will actively discourage attempts by any bargaining unit Employee to appeal a decision of the arbitrator to any Court or labor board, and will not aid or abet in any such attempt.
- C. In the event a case is appealed to the arbitrator and he/she finds that the arbitrator has no power or authority to rule on such case, the matter shall be referred back to the parties without decision or recommendation on the merits of the case.
- D. The decision of an arbitrator in any case shall not require a retroactive wage adjustment in any other case. Either party may, prior to the submission of a dispute to arbitration, state, and the opposite party is bound to agree, that the award not be binding precedent in analogous situations pending at that time.
- E. The arbitrator shall limit his/her decision strictly to the interpretation, application or enforcement of the specific articles and sections of this Agreement, and he/she shall be without power or authority to make any decisions:
 - 1. Contrary to, or inconsistent with or modifying or varying in any way, the terms of this Agreement or of applicable laws covering the terms of this Agreement.
 - 2. Involving the exercise of discretion by the City under the provisions of this Agreement, its Charter or applicable laws, so long as the exercise of this discretion does not conflict with this Agreement.
 - 3. Limiting or interfering in any way with the powers, duties or responsibilities of the City under its Charter or applicable laws covering the terms of this Agreement.
 - 4. Contrary to, inconsistent with, changing, altering, limiting or modifying any practice, policy, rules or regulations presently or in the future established by the City so long as such practice, policy, rules or regulations do not conflict with this Agreement.
 - 5. Implying any restriction or condition binding upon the City from this Agreement, it being understood that, except as such restrictions or conditions upon the City are specifically set forth herein, or are fairly inferable from the express language of any article and section hereof, the matter in question falls within the City's management rights under Article 6.
 - 6. Concerning the establishment of wage scales, rates on new or changed jobs, or change in any wage rate.

7. Providing agreement for the parties in those cases where, by their contract, they may have agreed that further negotiations should occur to cover the matters in dispute.
8. Granting any right or relief for any alleged grievance occurring at any time other than the contract period in which such right originated.

9. DISCIPLINE

- A. The Department reserves the right to discipline, discharge, or demote Employees for just cause.
- B. Investigation/Discipline.
 1. Investigations regarding any potential or alleged misconduct, actions, or omissions that may result in discipline will be completed as expeditiously as practicable. If the Department determines that disciplinary action is warranted, such discipline will be issued as soon as practicable after the completion of the investigation. The Department shall provide written notice of the disciplinary action ("Notice of Discipline") to the Employee, with a copy to the Association, stating the Employee's violation, the date, time, and location of the violation, a concise statement setting forth the relevant facts, and the disciplinary penalty. Except as set forth in Sections F, H, and I below, no discipline will be implemented or incorporated into an Employee's file until the completion of the applicable procedures set forth below.
 2. In all cases when a supervisor has reason to believe that an Employee has committed acts warranting discipline and contemplates issuance of disciplinary action, the supervisor shall inform the Employee and allow the Employee the opportunity to have union representation to the extent required by applicable law. Exceptions to this procedure would be in situations where the Employee is absent without leave and is not reasonably reachable.
- C. Chief's Hearing. Except as set forth in Section H, within two (2) days of the receipt of a disciplinary action, an Employee may appeal the discipline to a Chief's Hearing (which will be presided over by the Chief or his/her designee). The Chief's Hearing is a non-adversarial proceeding, which must be held within seven (7) days of the date the discipline was issued. An Employee will have the right to review the investigation and charges against him, and make a statement of explanation. The Chief or his/her designee presiding over the Chief's Hearing will have the authority to rescind the discipline, affirm the discipline, or lower the level of discipline, but may not increase the disciplinary penalty from what was stated in the Notice of Discipline. An Employee, with approval of the Association, may elect to appeal any decision from a Chief's Hearing to expedited arbitration when a suspension of more than three (3) days has been rendered. Subject only to the Chief's discretion, any written reprimand or disciplinary suspension of three (3) days or less will be considered final and binding with no right of appeal.

- D. Voluntary Mediation. The parties may mutually agree to submit a dispute to mediation under terms agreeable to the parties.
- E. Expedited Arbitration. To the extent that a dispute regarding a suspension of more than three (3) days or the discharge of an Employee cannot be resolved through the Chief's Hearing or mediation (if applicable), an Employee, with the approval of the Association, will have the right to appeal the disciplinary action to expedited arbitration. The disciplinary action must be appealed to arbitration by providing written notice to the Department within seven (7) days of the date of the decision resulting from the Chief's Hearing. Any information requests shall accompany the request to arbitrate. The Department will provide responsive information to the extent required by applicable law, and within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Association's requests. The arbitration hearing must be held within sixty (60) days of the date the appeal was filed by the Employee, so long as an arbitrator on the panel has availability within a sixty (60) day period.
1. Both the Employee and the Department will have the right to be represented by counsel, to introduce evidence, and to present and cross-examine witnesses.
 2. The arbitrator will issue his or her Award in writing within five (5) days of the hearing. An explanatory opinion shall follow as soon as practicable.
 3. The costs of the arbitration will be shared equally by the parties.
 4. The parties may request in writing of each other cooperation to have available at the arbitration proceedings any witnesses requested by the other party.
 5. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding on the Employee and the Department subject to the Chief's Authority as set forth in Section G.
 6. Arbitration cases under this Article will be heard by an arbitrator on the panel detailed in Article 8. Such arbitrators will hear cases on a chronological rotation subject to arbitrator availability. To the extent no arbitrator on the panel is available to hear the case within sixty (60) days, the arbitrator with the next available date to hear the case will be selected. Where an Employee is suspended without pay, the arbitration shall be scheduled with the next available arbitrator without regard to the sixty (60) day time period.
- F. Discharge Cases. Where a decision is made to discharge an Employee, that Employee will be suspended without pay pending the outcome of the disciplinary process set forth in this Article.
- G. Chief's Authority. The Chief of Police, at his or her sole discretion, may rescind or mitigate any disciplinary action at any step of the disciplinary process including, but not limited to, after the conclusion of an arbitration. However, the Chief of Police shall have no authority to increase any disciplinary action after the conclusion of an arbitration.
- H. Written Reprimand. All written reprimands will be issued and implemented as soon as practicable following an investigation. Written reprimands will remain in employees'

files for a period of time not to exceed two (2) years from the date of issuance of the reprimand.

- I. Informal Counseling. The Department may conduct informal counseling sessions concerning minor misconducts, actions, or omissions. Such counseling sessions will not be considered disciplinary action, but the substance of the counseling session may be reduced to writing and added to an Employee's file for up to one (1) year.
- J. Department Right to Immediately Suspend Employee. The Department shall have the right to immediately suspend an Employee with pay in order to preserve order within the Department and/or in those cases where an Employee is the subject of a criminal investigation. Moreover, the Department shall have the right to suspend an Employee without pay in accordance with the terms of the Detroit Police Department Manual. However, the Department must follow the procedures set forth in this Article before any discipline relating to the conduct underlying such suspension is incorporated into an Employee's file.

10. SENIORITY

- A. Seniority Defined. Seniority is defined as the length of continuous service with the Police Department of the City of Detroit as a police officer. Seniority is not the same as "service time" as that term may be used in connection with the various economic benefit provisions.
- B. Continuous Service. Continuous service shall mean employment by the City of Detroit without interruption or breaks. The following shall not be considered breaks in service.
 1. Service in the Armed Forces of the United States up to five (5) years, or longer if such service is exempt under applicable law.
 2. Absence from work due to injuries compensated for under the Workers' Compensation Act of the State of Michigan.
 3. Lay off as a result of a reduction in force for a period not exceeding two (2) years.
 4. Other approved leaves of absence for a period not exceeding one (1) year.
- C. Personal Leave. Employees may be granted a personal leave by the City for up to one (1) year. Seniority accrued prior to the leave will be retained but Employees will not accumulate additional seniority for the period of the leave, except that this provision shall not apply to leaves related to the military.
- D. Forfeiture. An Employee shall forfeit seniority rights for the following reasons:
 1. Resignation.
 2. Retirement.
 3. Discharge.

4. If an Employee fails to report to work for five (5) consecutive days without providing proper notice to the Department, unless the Employee, in the judgment of the Department, is completely incapacitated through no fault of his/her own or subject to some other emergency situation that, through no fault of his/her own, makes him/her unable to report said absence and is able to supply sufficient proof thereof.
5. If an Employee fails to report within five (5) days after leave of absence, vacation, or suspension or, if the Employee receives notice from the Department by certified letter that his/her leave of absence has been terminated, within five (5) days after receipt of such certified letter.
6. Failure of a laid-off Employee to notify the Department of his/her intent to return to work within seven (7) days after notice has been sent by the Department to the laid-off Employee at his/her last address on the Department's records at time of layoff.
7. Absence from work for any reason (including lay-off) in excess of two (2) years, except as set forth in Section B.1 of this Article.

E. Probationary Employees.

1. The probationary period for new Employees shall be eighteen (18) months from the date of hire, or twelve (12) months from the date of graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, whichever is earlier. New Employees shall acquire seniority twelve (12) months after their date of hire. Once a member has completed the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy and has been assigned a command, the Department shall continue the existing practice of utilizing the appointment date of a probationary employee with regard to: leave days, furloughs, holidays, prescheduled overtime, involuntary transfers and in other circumstances where the appointment date has been used.

F. Transfers.

1. Transfers between precincts and entities will be made using a Department transfer list maintained by the Personnel Unit. Such list will be created from transfer requests submitted by Employees on form DPD #402. Separate lists should be maintained for each rank.
 - a. Transfer requests shall be valid for a period until October 1st each year. Continuation requests may be submitted on or after August 15th.
 - b. Whenever openings occur in precincts or entities, the Employee to be transferred will be selected from the transfer list based upon knowledge, training, experience, performance evaluation ratings, certifications, ability, skills, disciplinary history, attendance, safety record, efficiency, and seniority. When all other qualifications are equal, the senior qualified Employee who submitted a transfer request will be selected.

- c. Employees submitting transfer requests will not be unreasonably denied placement on the transfer list. To deny an Employee's request, the Department must verify with factual information that the Employee is not qualified for the requested transfer. Such decisions may be appealed utilizing the grievance and arbitration procedures set forth in this Agreement.
 - d. With the exception of releasing information pertaining to a current criminal investigation, an Employee who is denied placement on the transfer list will be advised in writing of the reasons for such denial upon request.
 - e. The Employee will be notified of the result of his request for transfer within thirty (30) days of the submission of the form DPD #402.
 - f. Voluntary transfers to vacant positions will be awarded based on merit. The Department will consider knowledge, training, experience, performance evaluation ratings, certifications, ability, skills, disciplinary history, attendance, safety record, efficiency, and seniority. If all other qualifications are equal, the senior qualified Employee will be selected.
2. Should the need arise for a temporary assignment from one precinct patrol location to another, the temporary assignment may not exceed one hundred and twenty five (125) working days. At the expiration of this period, the Employee will be immediately returned to his former position. In no event shall the Department utilize temporary assignments to circumvent the transfer provisions of this Section or as a form of discipline. The parties further stipulate that the Department's authority to make temporary assignments under this Section must be exercised reasonably,
 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chief of Police has the right to permanently transfer an Employee from one precinct patrol location to another based upon good cause shown upon review of the entire case.
 4. Once placed on a DPD #350, the Commanding Officer of the transfer requested entity may, upon request, have the Employee removed from the transfer list to that entity.
 5. Blue Slip Units. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement that could be construed to the contrary, the Chief of Police may make transfers involving Blue Slip units at his or her sole discretion. The Department shall provide the Association with a list of current Blue Slip units as of the effective date of this Agreement. From time to time, the Chief of Police may designate other units as Blue Slip Units, provided that a precinct patrol unit may not be designated as a Blue Slip Unit. The Chief of Police, or his or her designee, will meet and confer with the Association before designating a unit as a Blue Slip Unit.

G. Assignments.

1. A request for assignments within a precinct, or entity once an Employee is assigned there, can be made by submitting DPD Form #31 (referred to as a Blue Slip) to the Commanding Officer. The request shall be valid for a period until October 1st each year. An Employee may have only one (1) assignment request on file at any time; the most recent request will replace the earlier requests. Whenever openings occur within precincts or entities, the Department will consider knowledge, training, experience, performance evaluation ratings, certifications, ability, skills, disciplinary history, attendance, safety record, efficiency, and seniority. If all other qualifications are equal, the senior qualified Employee will be selected.

In order to determine when such receipt occurred, a copy of the job assignment request, dated and signed by the supervisor who received the request and the time he/she received it, shall be provided to the member.

2. Moreover, notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement that could be construed to the contrary, the Chief of Police may exclude assignments from the above procedure and make assignments involving Blue Slip units at his or her sole discretion.

H. General Seniority Provision.

An up-to-date seniority list showing the names, length of service dates, and Departmental assignments shall be furnished to the Union every six (6) months. A copy of the list shall be maintained in all precincts for inspection by members.

I. Lay-off and Recall.

1. When there is an impending reduction in force within the bargaining unit, the City shall inform and consult with the Association as soon as practicable.
2. In the event of a reduction in force in the Police Department, it shall be made among Employees by seniority.
 - a. The Employees with the least amount of service shall be the first laid off and last to be recalled.
 - b. A demotion to the next lower rank shall be required before a layoff, provided the Employee had prior time in the classification to which demoted.
 - c. Any officer demoted due to a reduction in force shall be promoted back in the reverse order of demotion without any competitive re-examination for the classification from which he was demoted.

3. Any grievance submitted concerning a layoff will be submitted at the third step of the grievance procedure and the parties expressly agree that they will expedite the final resolution thereof.

J. Reinstatement and Reappointment.

1. Reinstatement. A former member may, upon written request, be considered for reinstatement into the rank of police officer. Such request may be honored, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, provided that it is made prior to the expiration of two (2) years from the date of separation from service; the member was in good standing at the time of the separation; and the former member is still physically qualified. Persons so requesting shall submit a written request in letter form to the Chief of Police, who shall direct the Recruiting Section to conduct an investigation of the former member's activities during the period of absence to determine the applicant's qualifications to return to duty. The investigation report from the Recruiting Section shall be forwarded to the Chief of Police for appropriate action prior to reinstatement. Such investigation shall be conducted regardless of the reason for the separation. Persons so reinstated will lose all longevity pay time. Seniority for time absent from the job will be lost; however, unused accrued sick time will be returned to the member's sick bank. At the discretion of the Chief of Police, a member who has been reinstated may be required to attend a complete recruit training program or portion thereof, at the Detroit Metropolitan Academy.
2. Reappointment. A former member who has been separated from the Department for a period of two (2) years or more may apply for reappointment to the rank of police officer. Reappointment is a re-hire procedure, and a former member applying for reappointment will be placed on an eligibility list, provided that the former member meets all requirements for appointment to the Department under current recruit hiring practices. Persons reapplying to the Department and approved for reappointment by the Recruiting Section must have final approval by the Chief of Police. Should the person be re-appointed, all longevity pay time will be lost, plus all previously unused sick time. All previous seniority will be lost until a one (1) year probationary period is completed, at which time an adjusted seniority date will be furnished, excluding the time the member was absent from the job, strictly for Department purposes.
3. Salary Status. The salary of reinstated or re-appointed members will be reduced by one (1) step for each full year of absence. Any officer above the rank of police officer who resigns and is subsequently reinstated or re-appointed is precluded from returning to the member's former rank. Should an officer of the rank of sergeant or above resign and then be reinstated or re-appointed, and at a future date be promoted, the time in rank previous to the resignation shall not be counted as seniority within the rank.
4. Military Service. The foregoing limitations other than physical qualifications shall not be applicable to those members who return from active military service and are entitled to re-employment under Federal law. Such written request must

be made within ninety (90) days after the expiration of government service. However, to facilitate prompt processing of the reinstatement application, persons are encouraged to request reinstatement prior to separation from military service.

11. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. The Department will furnish for the use of the Union, space for a bulletin board at each of its precincts or entities where Union members are assigned. Bulletin boards shall be used only for the following notices:

1. Recreational and social affairs of the Union
2. Union meetings
3. Union elections
4. Information of happenings of other departments or unions
5. Reports of the Union

Notices and announcements shall not contain anything of a political nature except notices with respect to internal elections. Notices and announcements shall not contain anything of a libelous nature.

- B. An Employee shall not use his privately owned vehicle for any police purpose.
- C. Employees are urged to keep their commanding officers informed of where they can be reached whenever they are out of town off duty for periods of forty-eight (48) hours or less. For absences of longer periods, Employees must so inform their commanding officers.
- D. Safety glasses and ear protectors shall be provided at all police firing ranges.
- E. Lockers of individual officers shall not be opened for inspection except with permission of and in the presence of the officer or his designated representative or steward.
- F. No member shall be prohibited from engaging in any political activity, either partisan or non-partisan, except while working.
- G. Compensatory Time Banks. Compensatory time shall be separated into two (2) categories which shall be reported on the Employee's bi-weekly paycheck statement. The first category shall reflect compensatory time accumulated prior to April 15, 1986 and shall reflect excused time as described in Article 31 (Excused Time). The second category shall include compensatory time earned on or after April 15, 1986, which shall be subject to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act (F.L.S.A.). Compensatory time in the second category shall be limited to a total of four hundred eighty (480) hours or whatever limitation may hereafter be imposed by law. Compensatory time used shall first be charged to the pre-April 15, 1986 bank and thereafter charged to the post-April 15, 1986 bank. Immediately prior to an Employee's promotion to a position outside the

DPOA bargaining unit, the Department shall have the option to pay out the Employee's accumulated compensatory time based upon the Employee's then-current rate of pay or as otherwise provided by law.

- H. Work Period. The work period for purposes of computing overtime is twenty-eight (28) consecutive days and includes eight (8) leave days.

12. FUNERAL LEAVE

- A. If a death occurs among members of the Employee's immediate family, such Employee will be granted three (3) days funeral leave, not to be deducted from his sick bank, provided that such leave may be extended to five (5) days within the discretion of the Commanding Officer based on individual circumstances.
- B. If a death occurs among the relatives of the Employee, such Employee will be granted one (1) day funeral leave not to be deducted from his sick bank.
- C. The immediate family is defined as wife, husband, son, daughter, brother, sister, father, mother, stepmother, stepfather or other members of the household.
- D. A relative is defined as a grandson, granddaughter, grandmother, grandfather, great grandchild, great grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, uncle, aunt, mother-in-law or father-in-law.

13. OFF-DUTY COURT APPEARANCES

- A. A minimum of three (3) hours credit at time and one-half shall be credited for each off-duty court appearance, except as specified herein. When an officer who is on-duty is directed to appear in court and that court appearance extends beyond his normal off-duty time it shall be recorded as overtime and not as off-duty court time. Off-duty court appearances for a period of less than forty-five (45) minutes which abut a pre-scheduled shift may be treated as either overtime or court time at the option of the Department. Employee's regularly scheduled working hours shall not be changed to circumvent this provision for payment for off-duty court appearances.

- B. Should a police officer attend court while being carried sick on Platoon Two, the following provisions shall apply:

If the actual amount of time spent in court is less than three (3) hours, the member shall be credited with three (3) hours worked at straight time. For the remaining portion of the member's shift, a deduction shall be made from the member's sick time.

If the court appearance is for three (3) hours or more, the member shall be carried working for the actual amount of time spent in court. For the remaining portion of the member's shift, a deduction shall be made from the member's sick time. If the court appearance extends beyond the end of Platoon Two, the member shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for the actual amount of time spent in court beyond the end of the shift.

Members who are carried disabled are already paid for their time off and therefore shall be carried on Platoon Two and will not receive compensation of any type for their appearance in court. If the court appearance extends beyond the end of Platoon Two, the member shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for the actual amount of time spent in court beyond the end of the shift.

- C. Department members scheduled to work Platoon One or Platoon Three who are carried sick shall be compensated for off-duty court appearances pursuant to contractual guidelines when they appear in court on Platoon Two.
- D. For all off-duty court time earned, on each court appearance notice turned in, the first forty (40) hours of straight time earned as off-duty court time (60 hours at time and one-half) shall be compensatory time. Thereafter, members shall be given the option of being paid in cash or being credited with compensatory time. Furthermore, such off-duty court time shall be paid in cash rather than granting compensatory time when necessary to comply with F.L.S.A. requirements.
- E. Normally, Employees shall not be required to attend court on their leave days or during their furlough period. In the event that court attendance may be required while he is on leave or furlough, an Employee may be carried on-duty or off-duty, at his option, while on Platoon Two.
- F. Employees not assigned or working downtown shall be reimbursed for their parking fees if the following procedure is followed. When the police lot is filled, the Employee shall show the lot attendant his Court Appearance slip and receive a Parking Fee Reimbursement Authorization form. The Employee shall be reimbursed monthly by the Accounting Office via Department mail.
- G. A member who is required to appear in court on a holiday will receive credit either for an off-duty court appearance at the three (3) hour minimum or holiday premium pay (1.5 x) for the actual time spent on the court appearance, whichever is greater.
- H. Any time that compensation is due under the Fair Labor Standards Act, it shall be paid the next pay period following performance of the work.

14. OVERTIME

Pursuant to its management rights under Article 6, the City has the right to schedule overtime work and to require Employees to work mandatory overtime.

- A. Prior to any fiscal year all members will be required to sign a list indicating their preference to be paid in cash or compensatory time for overtime worked. Once a member elects or does not elect to take time instead of cash payment, he/she is restricted to that choice for the entire fiscal year. All overtime will be credited at the rate of time and one-half. For the first seventy-five (75) hours of overtime work in a fiscal year, for which there is one hundred twelve and one-half (112½) hours of credit, the Employee shall have an option of receiving compensatory time instead of payment in cash. All overtime beyond the first one hundred twelve and one-half (112½) converted time hours must be

paid in cash. However, in any fiscal year, not more than one hundred twelve and one-half (112½) converted time hours may be earned as compensatory time as a result of overtime worked. Furthermore, such overtime shall be paid in cash rather than granting compensatory time when necessary to comply with F.L.S.A. requirements.

B. Overtime shall be calculated on the following basis:

1. An Employee shall be entitled to an Overtime Premium for all compensable hours of work in excess of eighty (80) hours in a single two (2) week pay period. For purposes of computing overtime, meal periods will not be deemed to be compensable or counted as time worked for the purposes of computing overtime unless the member is denied such period by competent authority. The tour of duty shall include time spent at the normal line-up or roll-call. For purposes of applying these overtime rules, normal line-up or roll-call shall be deemed to consist of fifteen (15) minutes at the beginning of a day's assignment and fifteen (15) minutes at the end of the assignment.
2. An Employee shall be entitled to an Overtime Premium for all compensable hours of work on a leave day, as defined in this Article.
3. When an emergency makes it necessary for a member to work all or part of a furlough or leave day excluding court appearances, such time shall be considered as overtime. Any furlough or leave days for which overtime credit are given shall be canceled.
4. In no case shall overtime or other premium compensation be pyramided, duplicated, compounded or paid twice for the same hours of work.

C. Unless additional compensation is required by the FLSA or some other wage and hour law, the Overtime Premium will be computed by dividing the Employee's annual salary by 2080 and multiplying that quotient by 1.5. In those cases where an Employee works overtime and is entitled to receive a shift premium, the shift premium rate of pay for overtime hours worked will be determined by multiplying the rate of the applicable shift premium by 1.5

D. To the extent any subsequent CBA between the parties provides for longevity payments, the parties may consider incorporating the language in the Article 14, Section C of the 2009-2012 collective bargaining agreement as a potential guideline for calculating overtime in such subsequent agreement.

E. Prescheduled Overtime.

1. If the Department has been notified of a personnel shortage with two (2) or more hours notice before the work schedule is to start, then filling of the vacancy should first be attempted by shifting personnel from one assignment to another. All Employees within the collective bargaining unit can be considered for this purpose.

2. If it is not possible to meet service needs by such shifting, then overtime work will be required but the same must be offered in the following order:

a. First, by seniority order amongst Employees of the rank of the vacancy, in the unit of the vacancy, and on the shift of the vacancy. Such is to be done by telephone canvassing of the Employees in said category who are not working on that day.

(1) In the event that such an Employee not working is contacted and agrees to work the overtime, said Employee is to be informed that he MUST appear for duty no later than the regularly scheduled start of the shift (15 minute roll call period is optional depending on circumstances and the Employee's wishes); furthermore, if his services will be needed for less than a full eight (8) hours (as in cases when he may be needed only until the power shift supervisors report for duty), then he shall be notified of same.

(2) In the event the Employee contacted does not arrive at the time agreed to, an on-duty supervisor selected by seniority rotation may work overtime. If the Employee not working (the one who was called at home) arrives later, the Employee working overtime is not to be replaced by the other Employee. The other Employee will not work.

b. If phone contacts do not produce an Employee willing to work, then the work can be assigned to an Employee selected in inverse seniority order off of a precinct-wide seniority list. Also, depending upon needs, the overtime in such cases may be ended prior to the end of the shift with the vacancy (see paragraph 2 above).

F. Overtime Rotation List. The following guidelines will be adhered to with respect to accounting for overtime that is worked: There shall be a seniority roster for each rank on each shift, and the roster shall be kept up-to-date.

1. Employees who elect to accept the offered overtime do not fall within the Department payroll category "Recall Compensation" and the contractual provisions concerning such are not applicable. Also, no minimum amount of overtime is to be guaranteed beyond that agreed to on the telephone.

2. Employees who refuse the overtime or who cannot report for duty by the start of the shift will lose their turn on the overtime rotation list and will not again be offered overtime until their name is again reached in seniority order.

3. Employees who cannot be contacted by telephone (one attempt) shall be listed as "unable to contact" (UTC) and shall retain their rotation position.

4. Limited duty personnel will not normally be offered overtime, however, such an Employee shall not lose his position on the overtime roster. The Department may

offer overtime to an Employee, who can fill the position needed, even if he is on limited duty.

5. Employees on furlough will be eligible for overtime opportunities on a voluntary basis. The fact that they are on furlough shall be entered on the overtime roster.
6. Employees being carried sick or disabled on the preceding day need not be contacted, unless such Employee has notified his work location that he is ready for duty and will report for his next scheduled tour of duty. Sick or Disabled will be entered on the overtime roster.
7. The Association steward and the shift lieutenant will verify the overtime roster after each selection.

15. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. General Leaves of Absence.

A leave of absence without pay may be granted to Employees with at least three (3) years of continuous service with the City as a police officer for a period not to exceed one (1) year. The Employee shall submit the request for the leave of absence, in writing, to the Chief of Police through channels. The request shall include the reason(s) for the leave and the length of time requested. All recipients of educational leaves must present continuing proof of enrollment for the specified period of absence. The Union shall be notified when a leave of absence of thirty (30) days or more has been granted.

B. Medical Leaves of Absence.

1. To be eligible for a medical leave of absence, an Employee must have a minimum of one (1) year of continuous service with the City as a police officer from the date of appointment to the effective date of the leave of absence. No Employee shall be required to exhaust banked sick time or other accrued benefits as a condition of taking a medical leave of absence.
2. A medical leave of absence without pay shall be granted to an Employee who is suffering from a non-service connected sickness or disability for which the Employee's physician prescribes extended treatment or rest.
3. A written request for a medical leave of absence shall be submitted to the Chief of Police. The request shall contain the diagnosis, treatment prescribed, and length of absence required. It must be accompanied by a signed endorsement from a physician describing a complete medical diagnosis.
4. In no case may a medical leave of absence extend beyond six (6) months except with the permission of the Chief of Police. Before an Employee on medical leave is returned to duty, a physician designated by the Department shall make a written recommendation to the Chief of Police. Employees desiring rehire after the leave of absence has expired shall apply for reappointment under the prevailing Department policies.

C. Maternity Leaves of Absence.

1. To be eligible for a maternity leave of absence, an Employee must have a minimum of one (1) year of continuous service with the City as a police officer from the date of appointment to the effective date of the leave of absence. No Employee shall be required to exhaust banked sick time or other accrued benefits as a condition of taking a maternity leave of absence.
2. Maternity leave without pay shall commence when it is deemed by competent medical authority that an Employee is no longer able to perform all the duties involved in taking proper police action; when an Employee thinks she can no longer safely work; or when her medical condition or any other valid reason leads the Department to believe a mandatory leave of absence is necessary.
3. Upon confirmation of pregnancy, the commanding officer of the Employee's entity must be notified without unnecessary delay. The Employee shall furnish to her commanding officer and a physician designated by the Department written medical evidence from her doctor verifying her condition, stating an expected delivery date, and evaluating her physical ability to perform regular police duties.

Prior to commencement of the leave, the Employee shall prepare an Inter-Office memorandum, DPD Form #568, addressed to the Chief of Police requesting a leave of absence for maternity reasons. This memorandum shall be prepared in quadruplicate and shall state the request for leave with date of commencement and the expected date of return to duty. It shall be presented to the Employee's commanding officer along with the appropriate medical letter from her doctor.

4. Within sixty (60) days after delivery, an Employee shall report to a physician designated by the Department for a determination of her ability to return to full duty. At this time the Employee shall present a medical letter from her doctor indicating the appropriate date of her return to work. Notwithstanding the above, in no case may an Employee's maternity leave of absence extend six (6) months beyond the date of delivery except with permission of the Chief of Police. Before an Employee on maternity leave is returned to duty a physician designated by the Department shall make a written recommendation to the Chief of Police. Employees desiring rehire after the leave of absence has expired shall apply for reappointment under the prevailing Department policies.

D. Mandatory Leave of Absence.

The Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 amended the federal gun control act to make it unlawful for any person (including a law enforcement officer) to ship, transport, possess or receive firearms or ammunition, if convicted of a crime of domestic violence.

1. A misdemeanor crime of domestic violence is defined as an offense that:
 - a. is a misdemeanor under federal or state law; and

- b. has, as an element, the use or attempted use of physical force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon, committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabiting or has cohabited with the victim as a spouse, parent or guardian, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse, parent or guardian of the victim.
- 2. Any member convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence will be carried working in an administrative restricted duty capacity at any work location as determined by management for nine (9) months from the date of conviction in order to permit the member to have the conviction reversed, pardoned, set aside or expunged, or if the disqualification is removed because of a change in legislation or the act is invalidated.
- 3. If the conviction has not been removed after nine (9) months, the member will be placed on a three (3) month unpaid leave of absence.
- 4. At the end of the three (3) month leave of absence, unless the conviction is removed, the member's employment shall be terminated. The member may reapply for employment provided that the conviction is subsequently removed and he meets all other criteria for employment, including requirements of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (M.C.O.L.E.S.).

E. Termination of Leaves of Absence.

At least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration date of a leave of absence the Employee shall submit to the Chief of Police written notice of intent to return to duty. For failure to submit the above notice or failure to report at the expiration of the leave, the Employee will be considered to be absent without leave.

F. Conduct on Leave.

Employees on leaves of absence shall maintain the same standards of conduct that are required of sworn police officers. Acts of misconduct of a serious or grave nature that are committed by an Employee while on a leave of absence may subject the Employee to disciplinary action in accordance with this Agreement up to and including discharge from the Department.

16. EMPLOYEES' RIGHT - INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES

Each Employee shall be guaranteed the following rights but this section shall not be construed as a section of limitation:

- A. Any Employee who is accused of violating any criminal law, City, State or Federal shall be entitled to his or her full rights under the State and Federal Constitutions without being disciplined for exercising such rights.
- B. After an Employee is ordered to make any written statement in response to any alleged misconduct or possible misconduct on his part, he shall have at least forty-eight (48)

hours from the time of the order in which to comply. The parties may extend this period by mutual agreement. If any Employee is ordered to make an oral statement, he shall comply subject to the receipt of Miranda or Garrity warnings or both and shall be given a reasonable time to act in accordance with such rights.

- C. An Association officer, counsel or both shall have the right to be present at all disciplinary hearings at the request of the Employee and shall further have the right to be present during all administrative and investigatory proceedings when the investigated officer must be present.
- D. Throughout all disciplinary hearings, each Employee shall be presumed innocent.
- E. No Employee shall be disciplined, discriminated against, or transferred because he exercises any of his constitutional rights before any grand jury, investigative body, court or law enforcement agency - Federal, State and Local as well as any investigative committee of any legislative body - Federal, State and Local.
- F. If any disciplinary procedures within the Department are changed during the term of this Agreement in such a way as to render any of the provisions of this section inapplicable or as to require additional provisions in this section or as to require modifications to this section, the subject matter and provisions of this section will be subject to renegotiation between the City and the Association.
- G. No Employee shall be prohibited from engaging in political activity, either partisan or non-partisan, except when actually on duty, or while in uniform or while acting in official capacity as a police officer.
- H. An Employee who is indicted or charged with a felony, a crime of moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor with a potential jail sentence may be placed on unpaid administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits pending the outcome of the criminal proceeding. At the conclusion of the criminal proceeding, if the Department chooses not to pursue disciplinary action, the Employee will be reinstated. If the Department pursues disciplinary action for a matter arising out of the same set of facts and circumstances as those surrounding the criminal proceedings, the Employee will be subject to the discipline process pursuant to the terms and time frames set forth in Article 9.

An Employee indicted or charged with a crime less than a felony, a crime of moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor with a potential jail sentence may be assigned to administrative duties consistent with the needs of the Department or suspended with pay pending resolution of the criminal proceedings,

- I. In the event that an Employee is exonerated from criminal charges and subsequently ordered to be reinstated by an arbitrator, that Employee's back pay award will be determined by the arbitrator based on the facts of the case subject to the limitations of Section L. In no case will an Employee who admits to a felony, a crime of moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor with a potential jail sentence or accepts a plea arrangement be entitled to any back pay upon reinstatement.

J. Whenever a member is being questioned or interviewed by his/her Commanding Officer and/or the Department or by any of its units or bureaus, for any reason which could lead to criminal actions or charges, such questioning or interview shall be conducted under the following conditions:

1. The investigative interview shall be conducted at a reasonable hour, preferably at a time when the member is on duty, unless the seriousness of the questioning is of such a degree that an immediate investigative interview is required.
2. No investigative interview shall begin until the member has been notified that he/she has a right to have counsel or an officer of the Association present.
3. An Employee will be given forty-eight (48) hours written notice prior to an investigative interview in a non-criminal investigation, except in cases of emergency. In non-criminal investigations, the Employee shall be supplied with a copy of any complaints that have been filed against him/her and all relevant information at the time he/she is ordered to appear at the investigative interview.

In those instances where a command level investigation of an informal citizen's complaint, as opposed to those on DPD 512, progresses to the point where a written statement is ordered, the officer will be provided with an inter-office memorandum stating the complaint made against him, the identity of the person who filed the complaint, and the specific questions that the investigating supervisor wants answered. This shall include investigations delegated to the command to handle from other departmental agencies, such as the Internal Controls Bureau.

4. Employees required to be interviewed by the Professional Standard Bureau will be given forty-eight (48) hours written notice prior to the investigative interview. Provided, however, that the obligation to give forty-eight (48) hours written notice shall not apply: (1) to individuals who have been arrested; (2) to individuals who are questioned under Miranda; and (3) where the seriousness of the investigation is of such degree that an immediate interview is required.
5. No investigative interview shall begin until the Employee has been notified that he/she has a right to have legal counsel and a representative of the Union present, except that an officer who is called before the Internal Affairs Section who at the time he/she is notified to appear is advised in writing that the purpose of the questioning is not to charge him/her with any criminal conduct or to discipline him/her and that he/she is only being called as a witness, shall not be entitled to the presence of a Union representative during the investigative interview. In investigations in which the suspect officers are unknown, the Department may require the Union representative to be a Union officer.
6. The Employee being questioned shall be informed prior to such investigative interview of the name of all persons present during the investigative interview. If any of the interviewers are sworn police officers, at least one shall be present during the investigative interview who is of a rank higher than that of the officer being interviewed.

7. The attorney representing the officer shall be allowed to ask questions at the time of the investigative interview.
 8. Neither the home address nor the photograph of any member suspected of any wrongdoing shall be given to the press or the news media without the written consent of the member.
 9. If a record is made at the time of the investigative interview and improper conduct is alleged, the Employee shall be entitled to a copy of the tape or the transcript, if a transcript is made, for the cost of duplication. If a transcript is made at the Union's request the Union will pay for the cost of the transcript.
- K. The complete investigative interview of the member, including a notation of all recess periods, shall be recorded and there shall be no unrecorded questions or statements. At the request of the member, a copy of the investigative interview shall be furnished to him.
- L. If an Employee's disciplinary penalty is simply modified or lessened to the extent that he/she has a claim for partial back wages during a period of suspension as the result of the modification or the lessening of the penalty, claims for back wages will be limited to the amount of wages that the Employee otherwise would have earned less any compensation for personal services he may have received from any source during the period in question but excluding previously Department authorized income earned outside his regularly scheduled work period.
- M. The Investigative staff of the Board of Police Commissioners will have the right to question and interview Employees and such right will in no way abridge or change the rights of Employees under this Agreement or under any Local, State, or Federal law or the Constitution of the United States, or State of Michigan.
- In no event will any recommendations or actions resulting from such investigative interview or questioning lead to any discipline outside or inconsistent with any discipline procedures or discipline matters maintained in this Agreement or as may be established and maintained by the Department in accordance with this Agreement.
- Further, no Employee, after he/she has been once disciplined by the Department, will be re-disciplined, for any reason whatever for any matters arising out of the same set of facts and circumstances surrounding the first disciplinary action.
- N. An Employee will be notified in writing of the results of any departmental investigation of him/her within sixty (60) days after the investigation is completed. If the Employee is charged either criminally or departmentally, that will be the notification.

17. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION RATINGS

A. Rating Periods.

Performance evaluation ratings will be completed twice a year for all members. The rating periods shall be from May 1st through October 31st and November 1st through April 30th.

The May through October ratings shall be completed during the month of November and forwarded by December 10th, to be reviewed per the distribution outline. Final distributions will be completed by December 20th.

The November through April ratings shall be completed during the month of May and forwarded by June 10th, to be reviewed per the distribution outline. Final distributions will be completed by June 20th.

- B. Each Employee shall be rated by his or her immediate supervisor.
- C. Upon completion of the rating, each member will be personally informed of his respective evaluations by the immediate supervisor who prepared the evaluation.
- D. Any member who wishes to appeal his performance evaluation must make a written request to the Chief of Police or his/her designee within thirty (30) days of receiving his copy of the evaluation and must identify each aspect of the evaluation he is appealing and cite a brief basis for appealing that rating.

18. LEAVE DAYS AND JOB ASSIGNMENTS

- A. A prescheduled temporary absence from duty of twenty-four (24) hours duration shall be defined as a leave day unless otherwise designated (e.g., sick leave, funeral leave, compensatory time, etc.) by the Department. Leave days granted to Employees who work Monday through Friday shall be Saturdays and Sundays. An Employee working an eight hour shift schedule shall be entitled to eight (8) leave days in each twenty-eight (28) day work period.
- B. The present practice of Employees submitting leave day requests shall continue. Upon submitting the request the Employee shall circle the days he wishes to be granted under the conditions of this Article.
 - 1. Employees shall be granted a minimum of four (4) circled days for each twenty-eight (28) day work period; provided, that an Employee may select five (5) circled days in four (4) work periods per fiscal year which shall be designated by the Union and promulgated by special order.
 - 2. Further, in the event that more leave day requests are submitted than the allowable percentage to be off on any given day or days, then the most senior Employees shall be granted their requests. When leave day requests are less than the allowable percentage to be off, then all such requests for that day or days shall be granted.
- C. Under normal conditions, job assignments and leave days shall be posted seven (7) days prior to the end of the current work period. After having been posted, leave days shall be changed only by mutual consent of the officer and the Department, except when leave days are canceled because of an emergency.
- D. After leave days are posted, Employees may mutually agree, with prior written approval of their supervisor, to exchange leave days.

19. UNIFORMS

- A. Initial Uniform Allowance. At time of hire, Employees shall receive an initial uniform allowance of eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850) or, in the alternative, the Department may institute a uniform voucher system and issue Employees uniform vouchers in lieu of a cash payment. In the event that the Department changes its specifications regarding uniforms and/or equipment, Employees shall receive an initial uniform allowance as provided above. The initial uniform allowance that Employees receive in the event of a change in Department specifications shall be provided in lieu of the annual uniform allowance as set forth in Section B. In no event shall any Employee receive both an initial uniform allowance and an annual uniform allowance in the same year.
- B. Annual Uniform Allowance. The Department will no longer issue replacement uniforms and accessories. Except as provided in Section A, members will instead receive a uniform allowance of eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850) annually for the procurement and maintenance of all of the member's required uniforms and accessories. Alternatively, the Department may institute a uniform voucher system and issue Employees uniform vouchers in lieu of cash payments. The member shall be responsible for procuring uniforms and equipment according to Department specifications. This allowance shall not include maintenance and procurement of bulletproof vests or other specialty equipment, which the Department shall continue to procure and issue directly to members.
- C. Annual Cleaning Allowance. Employees shall receive an annual uniform cleaning allowance of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) per year payable the first payroll period each fiscal year. Alternatively, the Department may institute a uniform cleaning voucher system and issue Employees uniform cleaning vouchers in lieu of cash payments.
- D. The annual uniform allowance shall be payable on July 1st to Employees who were hired on or before April 1st of that year. Employees who were hired after April 1st of that year, will not receive an annual uniform allowance until the subsequent July 1st.
- E. For purposes of calculating eligibility for payment of these allowances, all members shall receive payment of these allowances with the following exceptions:
 - 1. A member shall be considered off the payroll and ineligible for this allowance if he/she has retired, resigned or has been discharged with an effective date before July 1st of the fiscal year payment is to be made.
 - 2. Members discharged and suspended without pay who have a pending appeal of the discharge shall not receive payment of the uniform cleaning allowance unless and until the discharge is overturned at an appellate level at which time they shall be made whole.
 - 3. Members on extended AWOL or ANP status on July 1st of the fiscal year payment is to be made will not receive the uniform cleaning allowance unless

they return to active regular duty during the fiscal year at which time they will receive full payment.

4. Members on an unpaid leave of absence on July 1st of the fiscal year will not be entitled to payment for the uniform cleaning allowance until the next fiscal year.

20. HOSPITALIZATION, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OPTICAL CARE

- A. During the term of this Agreement, Employees will be eligible to participate in the group medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision plans ("Medical Plans") offered by the City. Unless the parties mutually agree otherwise, the City's 2014 medical plan designs ("Medical Plan Designs") will remain in place during the term of this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, the term Medical Plan Design will collectively refer to deductibles, co-payments, covered services, networks, and third party administrators or insurers.
 1. Notwithstanding this section A, the City will promptly analyze providing ScriptGuideRx, Inc. as a pharmacy benefits manager ("PBM") for the self-insured PPO option provided to police and firefighter active employees who enroll for health insurance. The City agrees to include ScriptGuide as a PBM for its self-insured option for active police and firefighter enrollees if (i) the City concludes - in its sole discretion - that ScriptGuide can be provided on a cost neutral or lower cost basis for the City during its first contract year of use and the Contract term, and (ii) following an analysis by the City respecting ScriptGuide's applicable managed formulary, generic utilization, network and co-payment structure, and sharing of that analysis and discussion with the Unions, the Unions approve the City's use of ScriptGuide as the PBM for its self-insured option for active police and firefighter enrollees, even if the co-pay structure for generic, brand or specialty prescription drugs necessary for cost neutrality requires higher active employee co-pays for certain forms of prescription drugs. The City shall determine whether ScriptGuide will be cost neutral or lower prescription drug costs based on the cost for the entire active population.
- B. Employees will be required to make monthly contributions for their benefits based upon the plan and coverage tier selected by the Employee. Monthly contributions will be deducted from Employee payroll disbursements on a pre-tax basis (if authorized by the employee), in accordance with applicable law.
 1. For calendar year 2014, Employees' monthly contributions under the City's Medical Plans will remain at the levels in place as of the effective date of this Agreement.
 2. For subsequent calendar years during the term of this Agreement, Employees' monthly contributions under the City's Medical Plans will be adjusted annually to the level necessary to maintain an 80/20 proportional share of the cost of the medical coverage, subject to the terms and conditions and limitations set forth in this Article. Under this cost sharing arrangement, the City will pay eighty percent

(80%) of the costs of each coverage tier in the City's Medical Plans, and Employees participating in each coverage tier will pay twenty percent (20%) of the costs for such coverage tier. Premiums will be calculated as follows:

- a. For the Health Alliance Plan ("HAP") health maintenance organization ("HMO") plan, a participating Employee will pay 20% of the premium charged by HAP for his/her coverage tier. Such premiums will be established by HAP, subject to confirmation by an independent enrolled actuary retained by the City ("Enrolled Actuary").
- b. For the Blue Cross/Blue Shield ("BCBS") preferred provider organization ("PPO") plan, monthly contributions will be set such that Employees in each coverage tier collectively pay twenty (20%) of the costs for that coverage tier. Such monthly contributions will be calculated by the Enrolled Actuary. Monthly contributions will be calculated in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles, and will take into account claims experience from the prior fiscal year, inflation, actual and anticipated administrative costs, actual and anticipated fees and surcharges (including those associated with compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA")), and any other relevant costs or factors as determined by the Enrolled Actuary.

C. C.O.P.S. Health Trust: For calendar year 2015 and for subsequent calendar years during the term of this Agreement, Employees may elect to participate in medical benefit plans offered by C.O.P.S. Health Trust ("COPS Trust") in lieu of the City's Medical Plans subject to the following conditions:

1. An Employee who participates in COPS Trust may not concurrently participate in any City Medical Plan.
2. For each Employee who elects to be covered by COPS Trust, the City will make a monthly contribution to COPS Trust that is equal to the lesser of (a) the City's *pro rata* contribution under the HAP Plan in the corresponding coverage tier (e.g. single, two person, family) or (b) the City's *pro rata* contribution under the BCBS Plan for the corresponding coverage tier. Under no circumstances will the City's monthly contribution to COPS Trust exceed the City's monthly contribution for coverage under the lowest cost City plan for the applicable coverage tier.
3. The City will have no obligations in connection with COPS Trust other than to make the payments described in this Section C. Specifically, the City will not have any administrative involvement whatsoever in connection with employee participation in COPS Trust, and any employee participating in COPS Trust will be responsible for paying any additional monthly premium payments beyond the City's monthly contribution pursuant to Section C.2 of this Article directly to COPS Trust. Under no circumstances will the City be deemed to be an

administrator or fiduciary with respect to any medical plans provided by COPS Trust,

4. The Union agrees to indemnify the City, and hold the City harmless, against any and all claims asserted by employees or third parties against the City or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, attorneys, or consultants that are in any way related to or connected with employee participation in COPS Trust, any medical plans offered by COPS Trust, including but not limited to any claims for benefits provided to, or denied, City employees by COPS Trust, as well as any and all claims that are in any way related to any acts or omissions by COPS Trust, or its officers, directors, trustees, employees, or agents.

D. VSP: For calendar year 2015 and for subsequent calendar years during the term of this Agreement, Employees may elect to participate in vision benefit plans offered by VSP in lieu of the City's vision plan subject to the following conditions:

1. An Employee who participates in VSP may not concurrently participate in any City vision plan.
2. For each Employee who elects to be covered by VSP, the City will make a monthly contribution to VSP that is equal to the City's *pro rata* contribution under the Heritage vision plan in the corresponding coverage tier (e.g. single, two person, family). Under no circumstances will the City's monthly contribution to VSP exceed the City's monthly contribution for coverage under the lowest cost City plan for the applicable coverage tier.
3. The City will have no obligations in connection with VSP other than to make the payments described in this Section C. Specifically, the City will not have any administrative involvement whatsoever in connection with employee participation in VSP, and any employee participating in VSP will be responsible for paying any additional monthly premium payments beyond the City's monthly contribution pursuant to Section C.2 of this Article directly to VSP. Under no circumstances will the City be deemed to be an administrator or fiduciary with respect to any medical plans provided by VSP.
4. The Union agrees to indemnify the City, and hold the City harmless, against any and all claims asserted by employees or third parties against the City or any of its elected or appointed officials, employees, agents, attorneys, or consultants that are in any way related to or connected with employee participation in VSP, any vision plans offered by VSP, including but not limited to any claims for benefits provided to, or denied, City employees by VSP, as well as any and all claims that are in any way related to any acts or omissions by VSP, or its officers, directors, trustees, employees, or agents

E. Except as provided in this Article, the extent of coverage under the City's Medical Plans will be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable Medical Plans offered by the City during the term of this Agreement. Plan documents may be modified or amended by the City from time to time in accordance with the terms of the applicable plan documents, provided that such amendments do not violate the terms of this Article.